

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 12 are pending in this application. Of these, claims 1, 10, 11 and 12 are independent. Favorable reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to their representative during telephone conversations regarding this application. During those conversations, the Examiner agreed that the new limitations to claim 1 would define the invention over the applied art (the Maskara reference).<sup>1</sup> Similar limitations have been incorporated into the remaining independent claims, as discussed. Accordingly, the independent claims, as amended, are believed to define over the art.

The Examiner, however, indicated that further search and/or consideration was necessary before ruling on allowance. Accordingly, Applicants are filing herewith a Request for Continuing Examination and a Petition For Extension of Time in order to have the foregoing amendments entered and considered further. In this regard, if the Examiner has any further questions regarding the amendments or the application in general, she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at her convenience.

Applicants' attorney can be reached at the address shown below. Telephone calls regarding this application should be directed to 617-521-7896.

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<sup>1</sup> The claim elements have been re-ordered in this Amendment, but the limitations are the same as originally proposed except that the word "primary" has been removed.


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